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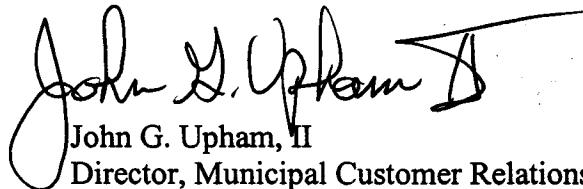
Dear Neighbor,

Enclosed you will find a fact sheet for the proposed construction of new facilities at our King Street substation and right-of-way corridor in the communities of Groveland and Georgetown. In many cases you are an abutter to the substation or the right-of-way. In the case of Groveland you may also be adjacent to an abutter. Under local by-laws, you will also be notified of the conservation commission meeting, although you may be miles away from the proposed project as described in the fact sheet.

As part of the process, Massachusetts Electric will hold an open house for neighbors to come and review the proposed plans and ask questions about the project. We will have individuals there to address your questions and concerns. If you are unable to attend, please call and we can discuss the project or arrange to meet with you at your convenience. The open house will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at Cuffee Dole's Fine Food & Spirits, 206 Main Street (Rte# 97) Georgetown from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with light appetizers and soft drinks.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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# Proposed New Electricity Supply Line In Groveland and Georgetown

## Introduction

As electricity usage continues to increase and dependency on electricity continues to grow, new electricity delivery facilities are required to meet increased demand. Massachusetts Electric Company currently is making upgrades to its King Street substation in Groveland that was required to meet an annual five percent growth in demand for electricity during the last five years.

The King Street substation, located at 209 King St., began serving the area in 1962. Since then, it has developed into the main source of electricity for customers of municipal light departments in Georgetown, Groveland, Merrimack, Ipswich, and Rowley, as well as Massachusetts Electric customers in Amesbury, Boxford, Haverhill, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, Topsfield, and West Newbury.

Recently completed studies have indicated that a new 23-kilovolt electricity supply line from the King Street substation to the Mill Street/North Street area in Georgetown also is required to keep up with this growing demand for electricity.

## Proposed Improvements

The proposed new supply line would begin at our King Street substation, exit the northern side of the substation and follow an existing utility right-of-way for approximately 1.6 miles to the Mill Street/North Street area. This new line would require the installation of new poles and associated equipment with pole heights either the same or slightly taller than those carrying our existing supply line. The existing 80 foot-wide right-of-way would accommodate both the supply line already in operation and this new supply line. Some direct abutters to the right-of-way would experience tree trimming and right-of-way clearing. Tree trimming and clearing help assure the safe and reliable operation of our lines.

As part of the project, we also would install a second, smaller, 200-foot supply line that would exit the westerly side of the substation. It would tie into the existing supply lines along the railroad right-of-way. *(See reverse side for aerial photo of proposed routes.)*

In addition to installation of the new supply lines, we also would slightly enlarge the King Street substation to accommodate additional equipment.

## Project Timetable

During the next few weeks you may see Massachusetts Electric employees or our contractors working in the area. Contingent upon all necessary approvals, actual construction work could begin as early as January 2004 with a construction timeline of three to four months, depending on weather. Construction crews would use our right-of-way to access the work area.

We are available to meet with you at your convenience to discuss this project. Additionally, we plan to hold an open house to provide more information. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please contact John Upham, director, municipal customer relations, at 508-357-4675.





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